

REMARKS

Specification and Drawings

The TITLE of the application has been amended to reflect the election by Applicant of Invention II, directed to an insertable cassette, as outlined in the "Response to Restriction Requirement" filed concurrently herewith. The specification has also been amended to further describe the concave pumping wall 352 shown in FIGS. 42A-42H. In particular, the specification has been amended to identify an arcuate surface 352A and transition surface 352B of the concave pumping wall 352 (originally shown in FIGS. 42B, 42E, and 42H). The drawings have been amended as previously described including amendments that are commensurate with the changes to the specification.

Claims

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this preliminary amendment. After entry, claims 22-40 will be pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been canceled. Claims 22-40 have been added.

Election

This preliminary amendment accompanies a response to the restriction requirement presented in the office action dated January 27, 2006, Paper No./Mail Date 01232006. In the response, Applicant elected Invention II (original claims 12-18) directed to an insertable cassette for use in a surgical irrigation pump and tool system. Applicant further elected Species IV (Figures 42A to 42H) without traverse. Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 22-40 are readable on elected Species IV (Figures 42A to 42H).

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no additional fees are required. In any event, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,
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